

October 6, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, October 6, 2014, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Larry Miller, JD Kuhns, Dave Tiffan, and James Aikman.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of September 15, 2014, and the work session meeting minutes of September 22, 2014, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius reminded everyone to support the BBQ Festival this weekend.
- He reminded everyone who wants to run for re-election to pick up a petition.

Trustees' Reports – No reports

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum reported on his first weeks here – job shadowing, discussing priorities with staff, familiarizing himself with the Village, attending meetings, starting files / logs, etc.
- He stated Union Pacific will now be working on the crossing on Route 133. He needs to work on detour issues with them.
- He reviewed some concerns he's seen – ventilation at the water plant, the location of the electrical panels at the water wells, and the age of the sewer system. He's been told about flooding problems.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman received a thank you note from the ALAH HS Student Council regarding the homecoming parade.
- He reviewed the September monthly report; it was a very active month.
- There are certain areas where the department is highlighting traffic and speed control.
- There was discussion regarding when to take down the pedestrian signs in the middle of Vine Street.

Village Attorney's Report - None

Visitors' Comments

Deputy Clerk Erica Carter stated Mark Conlin will start painting tomorrow.

New Business

- G. Corum reviewed the bids for the snow plow. He stated the labor might cost a little more to install the plows specifically for our equipment. L. Miller made a motion to give G. Corum permission to buy the wide out for \$6,700 plus installation from Foremost, Inc. in Macon, Illinois. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius reviewed the need to utilize some help from some surrounding townships. Therefore, the Village needs to establish or update Intergovernmental Agreements with Bourbon, Lowe, and Jonathan Creek Townships. D. Tiffan made a motion to establish or update the Intergovernmental Agreements. J. Aikman seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- R. Crossman reviewed the detention pond at the Verizon cell tower site. CHI would be doing the work. K. Good made a motion to approve the project with Mike Sullivan's approval. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- E. Carter stated RD McMillan wanted the opportunity to bid on office supplies. With one-year contract, new dispensers would be installed where the current ones are in the Village Building and the Welcome Center. She discussed some of the cost savings on some supplies. After some discussion, E. Carter was directed to get a quote from Lorenz, the current supplier.
- President Bernius reviewed information he received at the conference in Chicago from companies offering cost savings in managing or purchasing municipalities' water and / or sewer departments. J. Kuhns made a motion to allow President Bernius to research these companies – American Water and AquaIllinois. L. Miller seconded. There was discussion about the different options available and the control the Village would have. President Bernius stated he is wanting to learn more when getting the proposals. All Trustees voted YEA.
- E. Carter thanked the Trustees for allowing her to attend the IML Conference and is looking forward to the conference next week.
- T. Clark made a motion to enter Executive Session. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was regarding

- Public Works Supervisor job description (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
- Building plans for Public Works building (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)). The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.
- Hiring an outside attorney in representing the Village of Arthur (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. All Trustees were present.

Old Business

- J. Aikman made a motion to approve the Public Works Supervisor job description. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius stated no action is needed for the building plans. President Bernius was directed to finish the building drawings and stockpile the dirt. The building will be re-visited in the spring.

New Business

- President Bernius reviewed that some of the Village's employees have filed a petition to unionize and the Village's need to hire an outside attorney who specializes in the field. He has talked with Jeff Jurgens, an AHS alumnus and an attorney with Sorling Northrup in Springfield; he has the experience and the firm has given the Village an excellent rate. President Bernius recommends hiring that firm. T. Clark made a motion to approve hiring Sorling Northrup. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$76,574.89. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

President Bernius stated Kathy Rudolph reported to him that everything has been approved and the Village will start receiving the funding of \$112,500 for paving North Vine Street from the railroad tracks to almost 4th Street. The engineer's estimate was \$113,000 for the project. President Bernius recommends doing the project along with the buggy lanes north past 5th Street. The buggy lanes hold water and residents pump water out of their basements into the street which pools in the buggy lanes. Ne-Co will probably be the only company to bid; if it's not done this fall, they guarantee their prices until spring. K. Rudolph said those arrangements are fine.

President Bernius stated there would be a 10-15 minute break until Jeff Jurgens is ready via speakerphone.

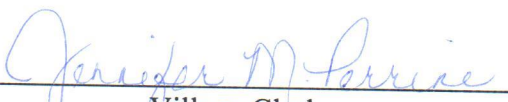
The meeting proceeded with J. Aikman making a motion to enter Executive Session. J. Kuhns seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was regarding discussion on collective bargaining unit (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)). Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

President Bernius re-opened the meeting. All Trustees were present.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE October 20, 2014